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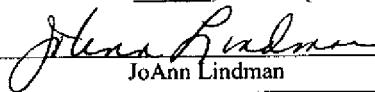
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In response to the Final Office Action of October 4, 2007, please consider the following. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is filed herewith.

Amendments to the **Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.

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